Puducherry during 2009-10, ahead of 2011 Census when the NPR is proposed to be created for the entire country. The scheme envisages collection of specific items of information of each individual, who is a usual resident, in the coastal areas. In the first phase, coastal villages will be covered in these States/UTs except for Andaman and Nicobar Islands, where all the villages and towns will be covered. Identity (smart) cards will be issued to all those who are usual residents in these areas and who are of age 18 years and above.

People providing shelter to terrorists and ISI agents

†304. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that intelligence agencies have identified maximum number of people providing shelter to terrorists and ISI agents in Western Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken by Government against the people providing shelter to terrorists and ISI agents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

However, as per available information, instances have come to notice of local modules of terrorist groups providing shelter to certain Paktrained terrorists who had infiltrated into India.

(c) Elements which have come to notice have been proceeded against under the relevant law.

Punjab still a disturbed area

305. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab State is still a disturbed area as this was declared in 1984;

(b) if so, when will Government withdraw these orders; and

(c) if not, then why the passengers on Samjhauta Express coming from Lahore are not allowed to go to cities in Punjab from Atari Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Given the existing security imperatives and concerns, it has not been considered appropriate to review the existing arrangements at this stage.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.